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Council House and arrested the ring leaders and evicted them from the Council House.)

As a result of the RCMP raid of 3/13/59, 4 Indians were arrested and accused of obstructing the police. Fifteen others received summonses charging they impersonated police officers. ANDERSON claimed since there is no boundary line between the United States and Canada for Indians, New York State Indians were pouring across the border to aid their brethren of the Six Nations Reservation. American Officials at the bridges entering Canada have [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ANDERSON said he expected the bulk of the Indians to cross into Canada on 3/15/59. He charged that the RCMP kidnaped the four arrested Indians who were remanded to jail at Brantford, Ontario, in lieu of \$500.00 bond.

ANDERSON also claimed he had the backing of JAY SILVERHEELS, who plays the part of TONTO on the Lone Ranger program and was a native of the Six Nations Confederacy. ANDERSON claimed that SILVERHEELS was interrupting current contract engagements to come from Hollywood to help the Indians.

The 3/15/59 edition of the "Buffalo Courier-Express" carried an article stating that SILVERHEELS had been interviewed and denied that he was backing the revolt or that he was coming to Brantford to aid the Indians.

The 3/16/59 edition of the "Buffalo Courier-Express" noted that the leaders of the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy met in Syracuse, NY, with retired Brigadier General HERBERT C. HOLDRIDGE on 3/14/59 to map strategy for their March on Washington, 4/19/59. The "Buffalo Courier-Express" mentioned among those in attendance were Chief GEORGE THOMAS and Mrs. THOMAS of the Onondaga Tribe, DONALD (FALLING WIND) RICHMOND, Mohawks, IRVING POWLESS, Onondaga, and WALLACE (MAD BEAR) ANDERSON of the Tuscaroras. The story did not relate what took place at the meeting.

In the 3/16/59 edition of the "Buffalo Courier-Express" GEORGE HERON, President of the Seneca Nation Council, Red House, NY, in a speech before the Tribal Council, Allegany Reservation Court House, Jamestown, NY, announced that the rebellious elements of the Six Nations of the Iroquois, both in the United States and Canada, do not have the backing of his tribe. Commenting on ANDERSON's statement that the confederacy

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The "Buffalo Courier Express" for 3/13/59 carried an article noting that the Justice Department moved into the Niagara Power case on 3/12/59 by filing a formal request for the U. S. Court of Appeals to reconsider its 11/14/58 decision favoring the Tuscarora Indians. The court's decision was "erroneous" in holding that the Indian lands constitute a reservation protected by certain sections of the Federal Power Act, according to the Justice Department. (See Buffalo Crimdel for 2/3/59 wherein it was stated that following extensive hearings the Federal Power Commission upheld the position of the Tuscarora Indians.)

The "Buffalo Courier Express" for 3/14/59 notes that WALLACE (MAD BEAR) ANDERSON threatened to make an international incident out of the feud between the Canadian Government and the rebellious Indians on the Six Nations Reserve at Brantford, Ontario. He claimed the support of hundreds of New York State Indians. He also maintained that the members of the Iroquois Confederacy in New York State "will use force if necessary" to reinstate the hereditary chieftains as rulers of the thirty thousand acre Canadian Reservation at Brantford, Ontario. (As set forth in Buffalo Crimdels for 3/10 and 13/59, Indians on this reservation overthrew the elected council established by the Canadian Indian Act of 1924 and established as rulers the hereditary chiefs of the Indians. On 3/13/59 the RCMP raided the Indian

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